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National Weather Service Updates Flood Stages  
for the Tombigbee River at Bevill Lock and Dam, Pickensville, AL

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Birmingham, Alabama will be upgrading hydrologic services by adjusting flood stage levels on the [Tombigbee River at Bevill Lock and Dam](#). The change will take effect on Wednesday, February 09 2022. This location is a daily forecast point. The upgraded hydrologic services were a direct result of field surveys and information provided by area residents from previous flooding conditions, showing more meaningful and appropriate flood warnings and forecasts for public safety could be provided using **lower** Major and Moderate Flood stages. This will primarily pertain to the locations immediately within the Bevill Lock and Dam gage site in the Pickensville area of Pickens County since dozens of homes, roadways and campsites are impacted more severely at these lower stage levels.

The following critical threshold levels will be changed as follows:  
Tombigbee River at Bevill Lock and Dam (AVLA1)

Bankfull/Action Stage	122 feet (unchanged)
Minor Flood Stage	122 feet (unchanged)
<b>Moderate Flood Stage</b>	<b>133 feet (down 2 feet)</b>
<b>Major Flood Stage</b>	<b>135 feet (down 3 feet)</b>

“The updated action and flood stages at Bevill Lock and Dam will allow us to provide a higher level of service to our customers and further our mission to protect life and property,” said Chris Darden, Meteorologist-in-Charge. “This upgrade in service will be very beneficial to those who depend on this valuable information during flood situations,” said Michael Garrison, Senior Service Hydrologist at the NWS Forecast Office in Birmingham. “The lowered moderate and major flood stages will further highlight the flooding threat immediately upstream from the gauge site in the Pickensville area, where numerous home and land owners have to take action to protect life and property due to rising flood waters.”

The National Weather Service office in Birmingham provides all weather services for 39 counties in Central Alabama. The office collects meteorological data, prepares and disseminates weather forecasts, river and flood forecasts and warnings, and issues severe weather watches and warnings to the public.

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